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The Honorable W. Sterling Cole
Chairman, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cole:

In our telephone conversation of yesterday afternoon you asked me to send to you the names of people whom you might want to consider as head of the staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

The person whom I mentioned in our conversation was Mr. Philip Belcher, Associate Division Leader of "D" Division at Los Alamos. You may remember Mr. Ralph Smith as Leader of that Division. We put him at the top of the list because he is a very good security man and is an attorney. Both of these qualifications, we understand from [REDACTED] are high on the list of the qualifications of the man for whom you are searching.

Mr. Robert Kimball, associated with Dr. James R. Killian, Jr., President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, is another likely candidate. He was formerly on the staff at Los Alamos, is very capable, and gets along well with people. I am told that he has six children and may be loath to move to Washington, but his capabilities are so high that you may want to overcome this feeling.

Mr. Don K. Price, Deputy Chairman of the Research and Development Board (room 3B 1006, the Pentagon), is our third suggestion. I understand that he is on leave from the Board until the end of April, serving as Staff Director to the Rockefeller Committee. He may be reached on code 131, ext. 73305. You will remember that the Chairman of the Board is Dr. Walter Whitman, on leave of absence from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

If you wish me to make further suggestions, please let me know, for I realize the importance to the national security of finding a suitable person to fill the post. I am very sorry that I had to conclude,

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as I told you during our conversation of yesterday, that I could not make available [REDACTED] of our organization. I sincerely feel that he can make a greater contribution to the national security in the post which he now fills.

Sincerely yours,

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Director

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